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Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Rehberg
Reynolds
Riley
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
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Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaffer
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Sessions
Shadegg

Shaw
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Sherwood
Shimkus
Simmons
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Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Souder
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Stump
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Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry

Thune
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Toomey
Traficant
Upton
Vitter
Walden
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Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—198

Abercrombie
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Baird
Baldacci
Baldwin
Barcia
Barrett
Becerra
Bentsen
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson (IN)
Carson (OK)
Clay
Clayton
Clyburn
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Crowley
Cummings
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
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Evans
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Ford
Frank
Frost
Gephardt
Gonzalez
Green (TX)
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Harman

Hastings (FL)
Hill
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hoeffel
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Hoyer
Inslee
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Klecza
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee
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Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Markey
Mascara
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Millender-
McDonald
Miller, George
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (VA)
Murtha

Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Phelps
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Ross
Rothman
Rushbal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Santini
Sawyer
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Spratt
Stark
Stenholm
Strickland
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Velázquez
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

NOT VOTING—5

Ackerman
Ballenger

Shows
Skeltan

Stupak

□ 1754

So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced
as above recorded.
A motion to reconsider was laid on
the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask
unanimous consent that all Members
may have 5 legislative days within
which to revise and extend their re-
marks on the subject of H.R. 3, the bill
just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there
objection to the request of the gen-
tleman from California?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given
permission to address the House for 1
minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to
the gentleman from Ohio (Mr.
PORTMAN) for the purpose of apprising
us of next week's schedule.

Mr. PORTMAN. I thank my friend
from Maryland for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to an-
nounce that the House has now com-
pleted its legislative business for this
week.

The House will next meet for legisla-
tive business on Tuesday, March 13, at
12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m.
for legislative business. The House will
consider a number of measures under
suspension of the rules, a list of which
will be distributed to the Members' of-
fices tomorrow, Friday. On Tuesday, no
recorded votes are expected before 6
p.m.

On Wednesday, March 14, and Thurs-
day, March 15, the House will consider
at least the following measures:

H.R. 223, the Clear Creek County
Land Disposal Act,

H.R. 880, the Washington County
Land Acquisition Act, and

H.R. 725, the Made in America Infor-
mation Act.

Mr. Speaker, again I thank the gen-
tleman for yielding. Of course many of
us will be together at the bipartisan re-
treat this weekend. I hope I will see the
gentleman there.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.
We are all looking forward to that op-
portunity, or at least some few of us
are looking forward to that oppor-
tunity, hopefully more than the last.

In any event, Mr. Speaker, if I can
ask the gentleman from Ohio another
question. Ergonomics came up this
week. As he knows, we were somewhat
concerned because that had not been
on the calendar and we expressed that
concern.

Does the gentleman know of any pos-
sible items like that that might come
up next week that are not noticed at

this point in time that may or may not
be up?

Mr. PORTMAN. We would expect no
such major or what some might con-
sider controversial provisions. That, of
course, was waiting for the Senate to
act. Once the Senate acted, we acted.
There may be, it is my understanding,
some other legislative activity that
committees are still working to see
whether some other things might come
to the floor next week, but we would
expect nothing along those lines.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.
One additional question. As he knows,
we have been talking for some period of
time now about the creation of a select
committee on election reform.

Does the gentleman have any idea
whether we might have a proposal on
the floor for an equally balanced com-
mittee being appointed for the pur-
poses of considering election reform?

Mr. PORTMAN. I am not aware of
any legislation that would be on the
floor next week in that regard, al-
though I suppose it is possible. I know
that the Speaker and the minority
leader are in discussions with regard to
the select committee on election re-
form, but I do not know that there will
be anything on the floor next week nor
do I think anyone on our side knows at
this point.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman
for his response. I would simply say
that clearly this is a critical issue
which I do not think is a partisan
issue. I think there is not a Member on
the House floor of either side of the
aisle or our two Independents who do
not believe that citizens ought to be
encouraged to vote, facilitated in cast-
ing their vote and to having the tech-
nology available that will make sure
that they count their votes. We focused
on Florida, but as we have learned, this
problem exists in many jurisdictions.
It is not a partisan problem, it is in
some respects a technological problem
and in some respects election officials
are not trained as well as they ought to
be, not through any fault of their own
but just we have not had the mecha-
nisms to do that, to reach out and to
make sure that citizens have access to
the polling places.

I know the Speaker is focused on it.
I know the minority leader is focused
on it. I hope that we could accomplish
this in the short term so that we might
effect reforms prior to the next elec-
tion. That is our concern about timing.

I would be glad to yield to the gen-
tleman for any comments he might
want to make.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I
wholeheartedly agree with what the
gentleman said with regard to the need
to take a look at our election systems.
I know that the leadership on this side
concurs with that. The hope is that we
can soon move forward with a select
commission in that regard.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman
for his comments.

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RANKING OF MEMBER ON COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 85), and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 85

Resolved, That on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Mr. Pombo shall rank immediately after Mr. Moran of Kansas.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY,
MARCH 12, 2001

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 13, 2001

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 12, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO
JAMES MADISON COMMEMORATION
COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 5(a) of the James Madison Commemoration Commission Act (P.L. 106-550), the

Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the James Madison Commemoration Commission:

Mr. GOODLATTE of Virginia;

Mr. CANTOR of Virginia.

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMERICA'S VETERANS ARE ENTITLED TO THEIR DAY OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of over 1.3 million veterans in Pennsylvania and to express my strong opposition to legislation which I consider an affront to the heroic service to our Nation.

As introduced, H.R. 62 would move Veterans' Day to election day in Presidential election years. The intended purpose of this legislation is to increase voter turnout by establishing election day as a national holiday in conjunction with Veterans' Day.

Although I agree action needs to be taken to help convince our Nation's citizens to take a more active role in the political process, this particular solution troubles me. I believe we need to take necessary steps to increase voter awareness and participation, but depriving our veterans of the day set aside historically to honor their sacrifice is not the way to do it.

By designating November 11 of each year as Veterans' Day, we give thanks and pay tribute to the soldiers who fought and gave their lives to preserve the freedoms we know today.

In 1918, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the Treaty of Versailles was signed between the Allies and Central powers to end the fighting of World War I, the war to end all wars. In the years immediately following 1918, memorial gestures were made on that day worldwide. In 1926, Congress passed legislation to commemorate this date with, quote, "thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through goodwill and mutual understanding between nations."

In 1938, Congress officially designated November 11 as Armistice Day. It was a day to honor the bravery of our veterans and celebrate the cause of world peace.

In 1954, one of our greatest veterans, President Dwight Eisenhower, declared Armistice Day as Veterans' Day so

that all Americans would, quote, "solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly to preserve our heritage of freedom."

Mr. Speaker, I give this brief history of Veterans' Day because it serves as proof that November 11 was not randomly selected as a day on which to honor veterans. Moving Veterans' Day, even if it is only once every 4 years, does a great disservice to our veterans and the freedoms for which they fought so hard to secure and defend.

Congress learned its lesson on moving Veterans' Day once already. In the 1970s, Congress moved Veterans' Day to the Monday closest to November 11 to allow for a 3-day holiday weekend. The movement of Veterans' Day was met with so much outrage that President Ford returned the observation of Veterans' Day to November 11.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard from countless individuals in my district that are outraged that legislation is once again pending before Congress to move Veterans' Day. These citizens, veterans and nonveterans alike, do not understand why their government wants to diminish the opportunity of this Nation to remember the sacrifices of our veterans. Veterans and the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice certainly do not understand why Congress would even consider legislation that would lessen the tribute paid to our brave sons and daughters who have served in all branches of our armed services.

In my opinion, we should not diminish the observance of Veterans' Day. On the contrary, we should be promoting the reason we mark this day. There are over 26 million veterans in this country, including nearly a half million who are permanently disabled. The Veterans Administration estimates that we are losing approximately 1,100 veterans a day. It is extremely important that we not only remember their service but honor it as well.

The best way to do that is to pass meaningful legislation which will improve benefits and ensure that every veteran has access to the best health care possible. It is imperative that we demonstrate our commitment to those who served us with dedication and valor.

Mr. Speaker, let me reiterate that I stand ready and willing to work with my colleagues to find ways to get more of our citizens to the polls, not just in Presidential elections but in all elections.

However, we must not attempt to solve the problem of voter apathy by showing disrespect to our fellow citizens who have gone into harm's way on behalf of our great Nation. Our veterans have fought courageously to secure and preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. Without the efforts of our heroic veterans, our citizens would not have the right to vote.